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Docket No. 500.31754CX2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masayuki TANI *et al.*

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For: VIDEO OR INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD AND
PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND MONITORING METHOD
AND MONITORING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached copies of information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

Also attached is a copy of a Japanese Patent Office (JPO) Action issued 7 August 2001 in a foreign counterpart application of the present case, and an English language translation of the relevant portions thereof.

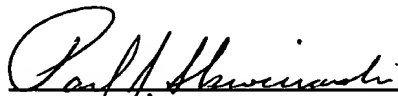
It is hereby stated that all of the items of information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in the JPO Action in the foreign counterpart application of the present case not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Further, all of the items of information being submitted herewith were cited in the JPO Action. In accordance with MPEP §609A3, a statement of relevance for the items not in the English language is satisfied by the submission of the English

language translation of the relevant portions of the JPO Action which indicates the degree of relevance of the references found by the JPO.

No fee is required for the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement because it is being filed prior to a first Action on the merits in the application. However, in the event that the filing date of this Statement crosses the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, Applicant respectfully submits that this Statement complies with the time/content requirements of §§1.97 and 1.98, and therefore, petitions for consideration of this IDS. Please charge any proper fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Order No. 500.31754CX2), and please credit any overpayment or excess fees thereto.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Form PTO-1449

Four (4) JP References

With English Language Abstracts

JPO Action With

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